

Police probing two Oakland killings

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Oakland police were investigating two homicides yesterday.

In one, the nude body of a woman was found on the front stairs of a house in the 3200 block of Kansas Street early yesterday morning.

The victim, identified as Mary Edith Sims, 29, of West Oakland, was beaten to death with some type of weapon or tool, police said.

She was also known as Mary

Boccalini, Mary E. Crisp and Crystal Sims.

The second was discovered about 10:30 a.m. when officers responded to the 1000 block of 48th Avenue where they found the body of Roy Maldonado, 28, in the backyard.

There were no suspects in either case. Anyone with information is asked to call the Oakland Police Department homicide division at 273-3821.

Family offers \$5,000 reward to find murderer

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Mary E. Sims

The mother of a woman found beaten to death last year on the front stairs of an East Oakland home is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of her daughter's killer.

The reward is being offered by Martha Sims, whose 29-year-old daughter, Mary Edith Sims, was found slain July 31, 1989, in the 3200 block of Kansas Street.

Sgt. Ralph Lacer said police believe the slain woman was killed elsewhere and left at the Kansas Street home. She was last seen alive about 5 p.m. the day before in the vicinity of 19th and Castro Streets in West Oakland.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 273-3821.